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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Withdrawn) A propellant container, which comprises:  
  
a substrate, forming at least a part of said propellant container, and having an outer surface;  
  
a base material, having a rough outer surface relative to said outer surface of said substrate, covering said substrate.
2. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 1, which further comprises:  
  
an insulation material formed over said base material.
3. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 2, wherein said insulation material is spray-on foam insulation.
4. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 1, wherein said base material outer surface is corrugated.
5. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 1, wherein said base material is a mesh sheet having openings therein.
6. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 1, wherein said base material has extensions that extend in a direction away from said substrate outer surface.

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7. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 6, wherein said extensions are formed by machine punching said base material.
8. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 6, wherein said extensions have fingers for gripping an insulation material to be formed over said base material outer surface.
9. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 6, wherein said fingers extend away from said extensions in a direction approaching said substrate outer surface.
10. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 9, wherein said extensions and said fingers together form hooked formations.
11. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 9, wherein said extensions and said fingers together form barbed formations.
12. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 6, wherein said extensions are spaced apart from one another by between about ½ inch and about 1 inch.
13. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 6, wherein said extensions are spaced apart from one another non-uniformly, with a higher concentration of said extensions being disposed in a predetermined region where an insulation material to be formed over said base material outer surface is most likely to de-bond from said substrate.

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14. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 1, which further comprises an adhesive material adhering said base material to said substrate.

15. (Withdrawn) A propellant container according to claim 1, wherein said base material is tack-welded to said substrate.

16. (Original) A method for adapting a propellant container to preventing de-bonding of insulation therefrom, which comprises:

forming at least a part of said propellant container from a substrate having an outer surface; and

covering said substrate with a base material having a rough outer surface relative to said outer surface of said substrate.

17. (Original) A method according to claim 16, which further comprises:

forming an insulation material over said base material.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 17, wherein said insulation material is spray-on foam insulation.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 16, wherein said base material outer surface is corrugated.

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20. (Original) A method according to claim 16, wherein said base material is a mesh sheet having openings therein.

21. (Original) A method according to claim 16, wherein said base material has extensions that extend in a direction away from said substrate outer surface.

22. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said extensions are formed by machine punching said base material.

23. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said extensions have fingers for gripping an insulation material to be formed over said base material outer surface.

24. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said fingers extend away from said extensions in a direction approaching said substrate outer surface.

25. (Original) A method according to claim 24, wherein said extensions and said fingers together form hooked formations.

26. (Original) A method according to claim 24, wherein said extensions and said fingers together form barbed formations.

27. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said extensions are spaced apart from one another by between about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch and about 1 inch.

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28. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said extensions are spaced apart from one another non-uniformly, with a higher concentration of said extensions being disposed in a predetermined region where an insulation material to be formed over said base material outer surface is most likely to de-bond from said substrate.

29. (Original) A method according to claim 16, wherein said base material has an inner surface having an adhesive material adhered thereto before said base material is adhered to said substrate.

30. (Original) A method according to claim 16, wherein said base material is adhered to said substrate using an adhesive material.

31. (Original) A method according to claim 16, wherein said base material is tack-welded to said substrate.

32. (Withdrawn) An insulated container, which comprises:

a substrate having an outer surface;

a base material, having a rough outer surface relative to said outer surface of said substrate, covering said substrate; and

an insulation material formed over said outer surface of said base material.

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33. (Original) A method for preventing de-bonding of insulation from a container, which comprises:

forming at least a part of said propellant container from a substrate having an outer surface;

covering said substrate with a base material having a rough outer surface relative to said outer surface of said substrate; and

forming an insulation material over said outer surface of said base material.